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Please substitute the following claim 60 for the pending claim 60:

60. (Once Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said first, second, third or fourth recombination sites are *lox* sites or functional mutants thereof.

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Please substitute the following claim 62 for the pending claim 62:

62. (Once Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said first, second, third or fourth recombination sites are *att* sites or functional mutants thereof.

Please substitute the following claim 64 for the pending claim 64:

64. (Once Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said first, second, third or fourth recombination sites are selected from the group consisting of a *lox* site, an *att* site, an FRT site, and functional mutants thereof.

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Please substitute the following claim 65 for the pending claim 65:

65. (Twice amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said amplification product and said vector are combined in the presence of at least one recombination protein.

(b) Please add the following new claims 68 and 69:

68. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said amplification product is a polymerase chain reaction product.

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69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein said polymerase chain reaction product is linear.
